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Surfactant free aerosol formulation for treatment of e.g. asthma - uses ozone-friendly fluorocarbon or hydrogen contg. chloro-fluorocarbon propellant

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Formulation comprises a particulate medicament (I) e.g. salmeterol, salbutamol, fluticasone propionate, beclomethasone dipropionate and a fluorocarbon or hydrogen-contg chlorofluorocarbon propellant.

Also claimed are the prepn of the surface-modified medicament and a canister for delivering metered doses of the aerosol formulation.

Pref., (I) is salmeterol xinafoate (Ia); salbutamol sulphate; fluticasone propionate; beclomethasone dipropionate; or a combination of salmeterol xinafoate and fluticasone propionate; or salbutamol and beclomethasone dipropionate. The propellant is pref. 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (II). (I) is present in an amt. of 0.005-10% wt. based on the total wt. of the formulation e.g. a salbutamol salt and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane in a ratio of 0.05:18 by wt. Surface-modified (I) are prepd. by admixture of particulate (I) with a non-polar, non-solvent liq. followed by removal of the lid.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The aerosol formulations are 'ozone friendly' using H-contg. chlorofluorocarbons as propellants and having no requirement for added surfactants or solvents for stabilising the constituent medicament(s). (I) can be used separately or in combination and may be e.g. analgesics, antiallergics, anti-infectives, antihistamines, anti-inflammatories, bronchodilators, diuretics, hormones, or therapeutic proteins and peptides. Admin. is by inhalation. Dosage of (I) is 50-2000 micro-g per day.

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